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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (ITEM 10)

1. SUMMARY. US (KITCHEN) MADE AN EXTENSIVE STATEMENT OUTLINING BASIC ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN POSITION PAPER EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO REACH A DECISION THIS SESSION. OTHER COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO HOLD TO FULL GAMUT OF POSITIONS FROM CREATING ANEW OPERATIONAL INSTITUTION IN VIENNA; MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO TO AWAIT RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS; TO A NEW YORK/CHBP SOLUTION; TO AN AFRICAN UNEP SOLUTION. WHILE COUNTRIES PAY LIP SERVICE TO COMPROMISE, POSITIONS APPEAR TO BE HARDENING RATHER THAN SOFTENING, AND NEGOTIATIONS MAY REVERT TO TEXT OF RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN ANNEX TO HABITAT CONFERENCE REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO G-77 REQUEST FOR DELEGATION POSITIONS US (KITCHEN) INDICATED THAT ISSUE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US, COINCIDING VERY CLOSELY WITH CONCEPT OF HUMAN NEEDS. FAILURE TO REACH A DECISION ON THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT QUESTION, WHICH REMAINS THE ONE PIECE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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RESULTING FROM THE CONFERENCE, WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. HE APPLAUDED THE CONCERN AND INITIATIVES OF ALL PARTIES AT THIS STATE OF PLAY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A WAY CAN BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS.

3. KITCHEN THEN PROCEEDED TO OUTLINE OUR MINIMAL ELEMENTS FOR A DECISION:

A) CREATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION REPLACING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING;

B) CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCATTERED PERSONNEL IN THE UN SYSTEM DEALING WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS UNDER ONE SECRETARIAT;

C) STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES;

D) LOCATION OF THE SECRETARIAT RESTRICTED EITHER TO NEW YORK OR NAIROBI.

4. KITCHEN ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A SHORT RESOLUTION WHICH DEALS WITH KEY QUESTIONS AND HAS ATTACHED EXPLANATORY ANNEX MIGHT ADEQUATELY SERVE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

5. REFERRING TO PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE UN HUMAN SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES, GOING BACK TO 1974 IN ECOSOC, CPC AND ELSEWHERE WITH THE CREATION OF THE UN HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION, HE REMINDED DELEGATES THAT THE SYG HAD STATED IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT THAT HE, THE SYG, WAS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN IN NEW YORK SOME SEMBLANCE OF A HUMAN SETTLEMENT CAPACITY UNDER HIS UN CHARTER RESPONSIBILITIES. THUS KITCHEN SUGGESTED THAT CLARIFICATION BE SOUGHT FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARIAT AS TO WHETHER MOVEMENT OF CHBP OUT OF NEW YORK WOULD ABSOLVE THE SYG OF HIS CHARTER RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FURTHER REQUESTED A SECRETARIAT STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS OF ANY MOVE.

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6. NOTWITHSTANDING EFFORTS BY MANY DELS TO MOVE BEYOND A GENERAL DISCUSSION AND DEAL WITH SPECIFICS, NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE TO BOG DOWN, AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT WE WILL REVERT TO THE TEXT CONTAINED IN THE HABITAT CONFERENCE REPORT ON TUESDAY IN AN EFFORT TO TRY ANOTHER APPROACH. ILLUSTRATIVE COUNTRY POSITIONS AS EXPRESSED IN DEBATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) NIGERIA - UNEP/NAIROBI

TANZANIA - FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP ARE NECESSARY. (WE ALSO UNDERSTAND GABON WAS ALSO UNHAPPY WITH NIGERIAN EXPRESSION OF "AFRICAN GROUP" VIEW.)

B) BRAZIL - NO UNEP LINK

VENEZUELA - UNEP LINK ESSENTIAL

COLOMBIA - COSPONSOR OF THE CANADIAN/SWEDISH PROPOSAL

C) USSR - PREFERS THE STATUS QUO BUT WOULD CONSIDER CANADIAN" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWEDISH PROPOSAL;

YUGOSLAVIA - UNEP LINK/SUPPORTS G-77 PRINCIPLE THAT NEW UN ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE LOCATED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

D) PHILIPPINES - NEW INSTITUTION LOCATED IN VIENNA,

JAPAN - NO CHANGE IN INSTITUTION/HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK

E) ITALY - UNEP/LOCATION IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY,

UK - CHBP/NEW YORK AND POSSIBLY HAVING ECOSOC SERVE AS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY.

7. DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL MID-DAY TUESDAY (JULY 12) TO ALLOW THE AFRICAN GROUP TO CONSULT. (FYI. WHILE NIGERIA HAS SERVED AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP, AND NONE OF THE AFRICAN GROUP

HAVE PUBLICLY BROKEN RANKS, WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
DISSENSION WITHIN THE GROUP, PARTICULARLY ALONG ENGLISH FRENCH
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